

# Guide for Analyzing the Logic of A Piece of Writing

Use this guide to analyze the logic of any written text you have been assigned to read for class. This guide should be used for any reading that is directly assigned by your teacher or any research you are doing in support of other assignments.

## The Logic of “title of the piece”

1. The main point of this piece of writing is \_\_\_\_\_.

(What is the main purpose of the author?)

2. The most obvious question the author is answering is \_\_\_\_\_.

(Figure out the key question in the mind of the author when he/she wrote this article.)

3. The most significant information in this piece of writing is \_\_\_\_\_.

(Figure out the facts, data, examples, the author is using to support his/her writing.)

4. The main inferences/conclusions in this piece of writing are \_\_\_\_\_.

(Identify the key conclusions the author identifies and presents in this writing.)

5. The key concept(s) we need to understand in this article are \_\_\_\_\_.

By these concepts the author means \_\_\_\_\_.

(Figure out the most important ideas you would have to understand in order to understand the author's line of thinking.)

6. The main assumption(s) underlying the author's thinking is/are \_\_\_\_\_.

(Explain what someone reading this piece would have to know to understand it's meaning.)

7. a) If we take this line of thinking seriously, the implications are \_\_\_\_\_. (What will happen if the reader took the author seriously?)

b) If we fail to take this line of thinking seriously the implications are \_\_\_\_\_. (What will happen if the reader ignores the author's reasoning?)

8. The main point(s) of view presented in this article is/are \_\_\_\_\_.

(What is the author looking at and how is he/she seeing it?)